Tax Return Information and Local Sales and Use Tax Changes



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RTA brings changes

✓ Effective April 1, 1997, tax rates within the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) area will increase. Voters within the area, which includes urban King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties, approved the RTA plan to fund rail and bus rapid transit.

The affected taxes include local sales and use taxes, the rental car tax, and the motor vehicle excise tax. The local sales and use tax rates will increase by an additional four tenths of one percent (0.004). The rental car tax will increase by an additional eight tenths of one percent (0.008). The motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) is administered by the Department of Licensing and is not reported on the Combined Excise Tax Return.

The local sales and use tax rates shown on pages 3 and 4 of this publication include the RTA increase. The RTA portion will be separately reported from the regular local sales and use tax. The RTA sales and use tax is reported below the regular local sales and use tax in a section on the lower left side of page 1 of the combined excise tax return. The King County Food and Beverage tax has also been moved to the section below the regular local sales and use tax.

If you conduct retailing activity within the RTA area which requires you to collect and remit sales tax or pay use tax, you must complete the RTA portion of the return. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 458-20-145, a Department of Revenue rule, provides guidelines for determining where a transaction is taxed.

The Department of Revenue has sent notices discussing RTA changes to businesses active in the new area and to businesses who have reported sales or use tax for activity within the RTA area during the last year. The notices were accompanied by maps of the RTA borders. If you want copies of the notice, RTA maps, rate charts, WAC 458-20-145, or any other information about the RTA changes, please call the Telephone Information Center at (800) 647-7706.

Car rental businesses and the RTA

✓ The rental car addendum has changed to allow for reporting the Regional Transit Authority tax. A new box has been added at the bottom of the form for businesses that rent cars in the RTA area. You must complete both the county item(s) and the RTA item if you are located in the RTA district. After combining the totals, place the total on page 1, line 37 of your Combined Excise Tax Return.

Please do not report this tax under the Local City and/or County Sales and Use Tax section of your Combined Excise Tax Return.

Other local sales and use tax changes

✓ Effective April 1, 1997, sales and use tax rates will increase 0.5% in unincorporated Cowlitz County. Cowlitz County passed a resolution electing to impose the optional portion of the local sales tax and use tax. The combined rate for location code 0800 will be 7.5% as of April 1, 1997.

PTBA maps and sales tax collection schedules available

You may obtain maps showing the boundaries of public transportation benefit areas. Schedules showing the amount of sales tax, by selling price, to be collected are also available. Call the Department of Revenue's Local Tax Section at (360) 902-7170.

What to do with credit notices

You've just received a credit notice from the Department of Revenue because you paid too much money with your last Combined Excise Tax Return. What do you do with this notice? Simply attach it to your next return and use it just like money!

When completing your next return, use line 77, "Other Credits," on the lower right-hand column of page 2 to identify the amount of your credit. The total amount of all credits in this section is then carried forward to line 39 on the lower right-hand side of page 1. If your tax return is late, compute the amount of late penalty due after you've subtracted your credit. Attach the credit notice and a check for the amount due on line 43 and it's ready to be mailed.

If the amount of credit is greater than the amount of tax due, - that's okay. Just attach the notice to the tax return and the Department will send a new credit notice. If the amount of credit is more than you can use in three months, you may ask for a refund. To receive a refund, attach the credit notice to your written request and mail it to Taxpayer Account Administration Division, Department of Revenue, PO Box 47476, Olympia, WA 98504-7476.

Special hotel/motel tax changes

✓ Effective April 1, 1997, the city of Long Beach (Pacific County) imposed a special hotel/motel tax of 3%. Businesses providing transient lodging (including sites for recreational vehicles and camping) within the city limits of Long Beach must collect the new tax *in addition to* the combined state and local sales tax. For information about transient lodging and reporting the special hotel/motel tax, please see below.

Transient lodging information

Transient Rental Income is reported by businesses providing transient lodging for less than 30 days. Examples of transient lodging businesses include hotels, motels, trailer camps, and RV and tent campgrounds. The transient rental tax is not an additional tax; it is distributed to the counties and cities which levy this tax from the state portion of the retail sales tax. The Transient Lodging Information section is located on page 2 of the Combined Excise Tax Return.

The Convention and Trade Center and Special Hotel/Motel taxes are collected *in addition to* the retail sales tax. The Convention and Trade Center and Special Hotel\Motel sections are located on page 2 of the Combined Excise Tax Return.

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Lodging tax rates by location

Convention/Trade Center Tax	4-Digit Code	Rate
King County: (60 or more units) Bellevue Seattle All other King County locations	1704 1726	.058 .07 .028
Special Hotel/Motel Tax		
Chelan County: Chelan Leavenworth Wenatchee	0402 0404 0405	.02 .01 .02
Cowlitz County: All locations		.02
Douglas County: East Wenatchee	0902	.02
Franklin County: Pasco	1104	.02
Grays Harbor County: All locations		.03
Okanogan County: Winthrop, effective 07-01-96	2413	.03
Pacific County: Long Beach, effective 04-01-97	2502	.03
Pierce County: All locations		.02
Skagit County: La Conner, effective 06-06-96	2905	.02
Snohomish County: All locations		.02
Spokane County: (40 or more units) All locations		.02
Yakima County: Yakima, effective 01-01-96	3913	.03

Location and mailing address changes

Please notify us of changes in your mailing address, business location or phone number. Please also let us know if you change your business activities. Prompt notification helps us get the tax return to you on time and determine if you're properly reporting local sales tax. You can notify us of any changes by:

- Calling the automated voice attendant at (800) 647-7706 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- Calling the local Department of Revenue office nearest you; or
- Writing your new mailing address or business location on your Combined Excise Tax Return.

District offices

	110 W Market St PO Box 1018 ABERDEEN 98520-0290 (360) 533-9312	734 E First St Suite B PO Box 400 PORT ANGELES 98362-0064 (360) 457-2564
	1904A Humboldt St PO Box 1176 BELLINGHAM 98227-1176 (360) 676-2114	919 SW Grady Way Suite 150 PO Box 877 RENTON 98057-0877 (800) 647-7706
	4841 Auto Center Way Suite 201 BREMERTON 98312-4394 (360) 478-4961	2101 4th Ave Suite 1400 SEATTLE 98121-2300 (800) 647-7706
•	11627 Airport Rd PO Box 6 EVERETT 98206-0006 (425) 356-2911	4407 N Division Suite 300 PO BOX 7248 SPOKANE 99207-0248
	700 Colorado St PO Box 240 KELSO 98626-0021 LONGVIEW/KELSO OFFICE (360) 577-2015	(509) 482-3800 11707 21st Ave S Suite B PO Box 44010 TACOMA 98444-0010
	22 W Kennewick Ave PO Box 7207 KENNEWICK 99336-0616 (509) 585-1501	(253) 536-6278 8008 NE 4th Plain Blvd Suite 320 PO Box 1648
	Target Place Complex 2735 Harrison Ave NW Suite 435 PO Box 7 OLYMPIA 98507-0007 (800) 647-7706	VANCOUVER 98668-1648 (360) 260-6176 630 N Chelan Suite B3 PO Box 220 WENATCHEE 98807-0220
	Headquarters Office General Admin Bldg PO Box 47450 OLYMPIA 98504-7450 (800) 647-7706	(509) 663-9714 1714 S 16th Ave YAKIMA 98902-5713 (509) 575-2783

All area codes: (800) 647-7706

* New area code Effective April 27, 1997

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Local Sales and Use Tax Rates

Effective April 1, 1997

			Tax Ra	ıte	
	Location Code No.	Local Sales	Regional Transit	State Sales	Total
ADAMS COUNTY Unincorporated Areas		.011		.065	.076
Hatton	. 0101	.011		.065	.076
Lind Othello	. 0103	.011 .011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Ritzville Washtucna	. 0104	.011 .011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Washtucna ASOTIN COUNTY Unincompreted Areas	0200				
Unincorporated AreasAsotin (City)	. 0201	.005 .005		.065 .065	.070 .070
Clarkston BENTON COUNTY	. 0202	.005		.065	.070
Unincorporated Areas	. 0300	.012 .015		.065 .065	.077 .080
Unincorporated P.T.B.A.*	. 0301	.012		.065	.077
Kennewick Prosser	. 0303	.012 .015 .012		.065 .065	.080
Richland West Richland	. 0304	.015 .015		.065 .065	.080 .080
West Richland CHELAN COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	0400	.015			.080
Cashmere	0401	.015		.065	.080
Chelan (City) Entiat	. 0402	.015 .015		.065	.080 .080
Leavenworth Wenatchee	. 0404	.015 .015		.065 .065	.080 .080
Wenatchee	0500	.014			.079
Unincorporated Areas Forks	. 0501	.014		.065 .065	.079
Port AngelesSequim		.014 .014		.065	.079 .079
CLARK COUNTY Unincorporated Areas		.011		.065	.076
Battle Ground	. 0601	.011		.065	.076
CamasLa Center	. 0603	.011 .013 .013		.065 .065	.076 .078 .078
RidgefieldVancouver	. 0604 . 0605	.013 .011		.065	.078 .076
Washougal	. 0606	.011		.065	.076 .076
Yacolt	0700				
Unincorporated Areas Dayton	. 0701	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075 .075
Starbuck COWLITZ COUNTY		.010		.065	.075
Unincorporated Areas Castle Rock	. 0800 . 0801	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075 .075
Kalama Kelso	. 0802	.010		.065	.075 .076
Longview	. 0804	.011		.065	.076
Woodland DOUGLAS COUNTY		.010		.065	.075
Unincorporated AreasUnincorporated P.T.B.A.*	. 0900	.010 .014		.065 .065	.075 .079
BridgeportEast Wenatchee	. 0901	.010		.065	.075
Mansfield	. 0903	.010		.065	.075 .079
Rock IslandWaterville		.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
FERRY COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	1000	.011		.065	.076
RepublicFRANKLIN COUNTY	. 1001	.011		.065	.076
Unincorporated Areas	. 1100	.012		.065	.077
Unincorporated P.T.BA.* Connell	. 1101	.015 .012		.065 .065	.080 .077
Kahlotus Mesa		.012		.065 .065	.077 .077
PascoGARFIELD COUNTY		.015		.065	.080
Unincorporated Areas		.010 .010		.065 .065	.075 .075
GRANT COUNTY					
Unincorporated Areas Unincorporated P.T.B.A*	1300 . 1333	.010 .012		.065 .065	.075 .077
Coulee City	. 1301	.012		.065 .065	.077
Electric City Ephrata George	. 1303	.012 .012 .012		.065	.077 .077 .077
Grand Coulee	. 1305	.012		.065	.077
Hartline Krupp	. 1307	.012		.065 .065	.077 .077 .077
Mattawa Moses Lake	1309	.012 .012		.065 .065	.077
Quincy Royal City Soap Lake	. 1310	.010		.065 .065	.075 .077 .077
Soap Lake	. 1312 . 1313	.012 .012 .012		.065	.077 .077
Warden Wilson Creek		.012		.065	.077

	Location	Local	Tax R Regional	ate State	Total
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY	Code No.	Sales	Transit	Sales	Total
Unincorporated Areas		.014		.065	.079
Aberdeen Cosmopolis	. 1402	.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
Elma Hoquiam		.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
McCleary	. 1405	.014		.065	.079
Montesano Qakville	. 1407	.014 .014		.065	.079 .079
Ocean Shores Westport		.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
ISLAND COUNTY					
Coupeville	. 1501	.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
LangleyOak Harbor	1502	.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
JEFFERSON COUNTY					
Unincorporated Areas Port Townsend	. 1600 . 1601	.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
KING COUNTY Unincorporated Areas **		.017	.004	.065	.086
Algona	. 1701	.017	.004	.065	.086
Auburn Beaux Arts Village		.017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086 .086
BellevueBlack Diamond	. 1704	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.086 .082
Bothell/King	. 1706	.017	.004	.065	.086
Burien Carnation	. 1707	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.086 .082
Clyde Hill Des Moines	. 1708	.017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086 .086
Duvall	. 1710	.017	.004	.065	082
Enumclaw Federal Way	. 1732	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.082
Hunts Point Issaquah **	. 1713	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.086 .086
Kent	. 1/15	.017	.004	.065	.086
KirklandLake Forest Park	. 1717	.017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086 .086
Medina Mercer Island	. 1718	.017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086 .086
Newcastle	. 1736	.017	.004	.065	.086
Normandy Park North Bend	1722	.017 .017 .017	.004	.065 .065 .065	.086 .082
Pacific/King Redmond ** Renton	. 1723 . 1724	.017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086 .086
Renton	1725	.017	.004	.065	.086
Sea-Tac Seattle	. 1726	.017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086 .086
ShorelineSkykomish	. 1727	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.086 .082
Snoqualmie Tukwila	. 1728 . 1729	.017	004	.065	.082
Woodinville	. 1735	.017 .017	.004 .004	.065	.086 .086
Yarrow Point KITSAP COUNTY		.017	.004	.065	.086
Unincorporated P.T.B.A.*	. 1800	.011		.065	.076
Bainbridge Island	. 1804	.016 .016		.065 .065	.081 .081
Bremerton Port Orchard		.016 .016		.065 .065	$.081 \\ .081$
PoulsboKITTITAS COUNTY	1803	.016		.065	.081
Unincorporated Areas	. 1900	.012		.065	.077
Cle Elum Ellensburg	. 1901 . 1902	0.012		.065 065	.077
Ellensburg Kittitas (Čity)	. 1903 . 1904	.012 .012 .012		.065	.077 .077 .077
RoslynSouth Cle ElumKLICKITAT COUNTY		.012		.065 .065	.077
KLICKITAT COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	. 2000	.005		.065	.070
Ringen	2001	.005		.065	.070
GoldendaleWhite Salmon	. 2002 . 2003	.005 .005		.065 .065	.070 .070
LEWIS COUNTY Unincorporated Areas		.011		.065	.076
Centralia	. 2101	.012		.065	.077
Chehalis		.012 .011		.065 .065	.077 .076
Mossyrock Napavine	. 2104	.011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Pe Ell	2106	.011		.065	.076
Toledo Vader Winlock	. 2107 . 2108	.011 .011		.065 .065	.076 .076
WinlockLINCOLN COUNTY	2109	.011		.065	.076
Unincorporated Areas	. 2200	.011		.065	.076
Almira	. 2201	.011	4.	.065	.076

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LINCOLN COUNTY					
(Cont'd) Creston Davenport	2202 2203	.011 .011		.065 .065	.076 .076
HarringtonOdessa	2204 2205	.011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Reardan Sprague	2206 2207	.011		.065	.076 .076
Wilbur	2208	.011		.065	.076
Unincorporated AreasShelton	2300 2301	.014 .014		.065 .065	.079 .079
OKANOGAN COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	2400	.011		.065	.076
Brewster Conconully	2401 2402	.011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Coulee Dam Elmer City	2403 2404	.011 .011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Nespelem Okanogan (City)	2406	.011 .011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Omak Oroville Pateros	2408	.011 .011 .011		.065 .065 .065	.076 .076 .076
Riverside Tonasket	2410 2411	.011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Twisp	2412 2413	.011		.065	.076
PACIFIC COUNTY Unincorporated Areas		.013		.065	.078
IlwacoLong Beach	2500 2501 2502	.013 .013		.065 .065	.078 .078
RaymondSouth Bend	2503 2504	.013 .013		.065 .065	.078 .078
PEND OREILLE COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	2600	.010		.065	.075
Cusick	2601 2602	.010		.065 .065	.075
Metaline	2603 2604 2605	.010 .010 .010		.065 .065 .065	.075 .075 .075
Newport PIERCE COUNTY Unincorporated Areas **		.010	.004	.065	.073
Unincorporated Areas **	2700 2727 2701	.015	.004	.065 .065	.084
Buckley	2702	.015	.001	.065 .065	.080
DuPont Eatonville	2705	.015 .012	.004	.065 .065	.077 .084 .077
Edgewood Fife	2720 2706	.015 .015	.004 .004	.065 .065	.084 .084
Fircrest	2707 2708	.015 .015	.004	.065 .065	.084
Lakewood Milton Orting	2721 2709 2710	.015 .015 .015	.004 .004 .004	.065 .065 .065	.084 .084 .084
Pacific/Pierce Puyallup	2723	.015 .015	.004	.065 .065	.084
RoyRuston	2712 2713	.012 .015	.004	.065	.077
South PrairieSteilacoom	2714	.012 .015	.004	.065 .065	.077
Sumner Tacoma	2716 2717	.015 .015	.004 .004	.065 .065	.084 .084
University PlaceWilkeson	2719 2718	.015 .012	.004	.065 .065	.084 .077
SAN JUAN COUNTY Unincorporated Areas		.012		.065	.077
Friday Harbor SKAGIT COUNTY Unincomposited Among	2801 2900	.012		.065	.077
Unincorporated Areas Unincorporated P.T.B.A.*	2929 2901	.011 .013		.065 .065	.076 .078 .078
Burlington Concrete	2902	.013 .013 .013		.065 .065 .065	.078 .078
HamiltonLa Conner	2904 2905	.013		.065	.078 .078 .078
Lyman Mount Vernon	2906 2907	.013 .013 .013		.065 .065 .065	.078
Sedro WoolleySKAMANIA COUNTY	2908	.013		.065	.078
Unincorporated Areas North Bonneville	3001	.005		.065 .065	.070 .075 .070
SNOHOMISH COUNTY Unincomposed Among **	3002	.005	004	.065	
Unincorporated Areas ** Unincorporated P.T.B.A * ** Arlington	3131	.011 .017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065 .065	.080 .086 .082
Arlington Bothell/Snohomish Brier	3120 3102	.017 .017 .017	.004 .004	.065 .065	.086
Darrington Edmonds	3103	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.082
Everett	3105 3106	.014 .017	.004	.065 .065	.083
Granite Falls Index Lake Stevens	3107 3108	.017 .017		.065 .065	0.082 0.082
Lvnnwood	3109 3110	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.082 .086
Marysville	3106 3107 3108 3109 3110 3111 3119 3112	.017 .017 .017	.004	.065 .065 .065	.082 .086 .082
Monroe Mountlake Terrace	3113	.017	.004	.065	.082

SNOHOMISH COUNTY (Cont'd)					
Mukilteo	3114 3115	.017 .017	.004	.065 .065	.086 .082
StanwoodSultan	3116	.017 .017		.065 .065	.082 .082
Woodway	3118	.017	.004	.065	.082
Unincorporated Areas	3200	.013		.065	.078
Unincorporated Areas Unincorporated P.T.B.A.* Airway Heights	3200 3232 3201	.016 .016		.065 .065	.081 .081
CheneyDeer Park	3202 3203	.016 .013		.065 .065	.081
FairfieldLatah	3204	.013		.065 .065	.078 .073
Medical Lake	3206	.016		.065	.081
Millwood Rockford	3208	.016 .013 .013		.065 .065	.081 .078
SpangleSpokane (City)	3209 3210	.016		.065 .065	.078 .081
Waverly STEVENS COUNTY	3211	.008		.065	.073
Unincorporated Areas Chewelah	3300	$.010 \\ .010$.065 .065	.075 .075
Colville	3302	.010		.065 .065	.075 .075
Marcus	3304	.010		.065	.075
NorthportSpringdale	3305 3306	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075 .075
THURSTON COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	3400	.015		.065	.080
BucodaLacey	3401	.015		.065 .065	.080
OlympiaRainier	3403	.015		.065 .065	.080
Tenino	3405	.015 .015		.065	.080
Tumwater Yelm	3406 3407	.015		.065 .065	.080 .080
WAHKIAKUM COUNTY Unincorporated Areas	3500	.010		.065	.075
Cathlamet WALLA WALLA COUNTY	3501	.010		.065	.075
Unincorporated Areas	3600 3636	$.011 \\ .014$.065 .065	.076 .079
College PlacePrescott	3601 3602	.014		.065 .065	.079 .076
WaitsburgWalla Walla (City)		.011		.065	.076
WHATCOM COUNTY	3604	.014		.065	.079
WHATCOM COUNTY Unincorporated Areas Unincorporated P.T.B.A.* Bellingham	3700 3737	.010 .013		.065 .065	.075 .078
BellinghamBlaine	3701 3702	.013 .013		.065 .065	.078 .078
EversonFerndale	3703 3704	.013 .013 .013		.065 .065	.078 .078
Lynden Nooksack	3705	013		.065	.078 .078
Sumas	3707	.013		.065	.078
WHITMAN COUNTY Unincorporated Areas		.010		.065	.075 .075
Albion Colfax	3802	$.010 \\ .010$.065 .065	.075
Colton Endicott	3803 3804	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075 .075
FarmingtonGarfield	3805 3806	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075
La Crosse Lamont	3807 3808	.010		.065 .065	.075 .075 .075
MaldenOakesdale	3809	.010		.065 .065	.075 .075
Palouse	3811	.010		.065	.075
Pullman Rosalia	3813	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075 .075 .075 .075
St. John Tekoa	3815	.010 .010		.065 .065	.075
UniontownYAKIMA COUNTY	3816	.010		.065	.075
Unincorporated Areas Grandview	3900	.011 $.011$.065	.076 .076
Grandview Granger Harrah	3902 3903	.011		.065 .065 .065	.076 .076
Mabton Moxee City		.011		.065	.076
Naches	3906	.011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Selah Sunnyside	3008	.011 $.011$.065 .065	.076 .076
Sunnyside Tieton Toppenish	3909	.011 $.011$.065 .065	.076 .076
Union Gap	3911 3912	.011		.065 .065	.076 .076
Wapato Yakima (City) Zillah	3913	.014		.065 .065	.079 .076
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